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Reference: the Baltimore Ravine Project

I consider this an addendum to the discussions I've heard at Planning Commission and City Council meetings.

I've not heard discussion on the following two topics, and before the project is "set in stone", maybe they should be discussed.

1. Traffic....in all the discussion(s), there has never been (or I've not heard ) a discussion of the possibility of actually talking with Cal Trans regarding an exit and entrance from Interstate 80 to the project.

Yes...the possibility would pose many questions and problems that can be easily avoided by doing the "easy thing", taking the easy way out and create the jig saw puzzle for traffic that has been proposed.

Yes, it would be time consuming, it would be EXPENSIVE (but that would not have to be the city's responsibility).

On the positive side, it would relieve traffic from Auburn-Folsom Road, established neighboring areas might not be totally distressed and disturbed (as they well may be with the present ideas) and it would offer safer entrance and exit from a well planned highway vs. Indian Hill Road (which every one in Auburn knows can be (has been) a "killer").

2. Phases 1 and 2.....A Planned Community....

Much "speak" about the positives of the Baltimore Ravine Project as a planned "whole" community...however, things seem to come apart when the two parts of the project are discussed.

Phase 1 gets all the conversation: bottom line all I can figure out is that Phase 2 will NOT be started until Phase 1 is finished. However, Phase 2 is the part of the project that will include the shopping areas, tying the two phases together (along with parks and other amenities) and fulfill the concept of a "planned community"

Either it is to be a completely planned project, with reasonable time lines of completion, sound, secure financing with the city's interests secured by appropriate bonding, financial back up of the developer for all the necessary phases (parts) of the project, prior to the city approving the project.

Or, is it one of those projects where we (the citizens and tax payers) trust to luck and hope everything works out for the best? (there have been a few projects that have not, over the past years).

Whatever we do today, we, and our progeny will have to deal with in the future. My wish is that we don't leave them with problems we could have anticipated and taken care of now.

Let's really think about the consequences, long term, of what is at stake.

Yours truly,



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